



City of Scottsdale  
McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission  
Regular Meeting

**MARKED**

Notice and Agenda

**5:00 p.m.**, Monday, April 5, 2010  
**Granite Reef Senior Center, Room 7**  
1700 N. Granite Reef Road  
Scottsdale, AZ 85257

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – **5:01 p.m.**

2. **ROLL CALL**

Chairperson Gerald Miller, Vice Chairperson Howard Myers, Carla, Melinda Gulick, BJ Heggli, Rand Hubbell, Deke Joralmon, Fred Klein, Linda Whitehead, Susan Wheeler

**Members present: Chairperson Gerald Miller, Vice-Chairperson Howard Myers, Commissioners Deke Joralmon, Rand Hubbell, Fred Klein, Carla, BJ Heggli, Susan Wheeler; Commissioner Whitehead arrived at 6:35 p.m.**

**Members absent: Commissioner Melinda Gulick**

3. **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Citizens may address the members of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission during Public Comment. This "Public Comment" time is reserved for citizen comments regarding non-agendized items. However, Arizona State Law prohibits the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission from discussing or taking action on an item that is not on the prepared agenda.

**Commission Action:** Information Items

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Commission Action:** Discussion and Possible Action: Approval of the regular meeting minutes of March 4, 2010.

**The commission will delay the approval of the joint meeting minutes with Fountain Hills held on March 4, 2010, until the next meeting, due to the fact that it was not on the agenda and therefore action cannot be taken.**

**Motion by Commissioner Hubbell, second by Vice-Chairperson Myers to accept the summarized regular meeting minutes of the March 4, 2010, MSPC meeting.**

**Motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0. (Commissioner Whitehead was not present for the vote.)**

#### **6. AGENDA MANAGEMENT**

**Commission Action:** Discussion and Possible Action: At request of Commissioner Heggli, discuss possible use of time limits for Commission meetings.

#### **7. UPDATE FROM McDowell SONORAN CONSERVANCY**

**Commission Action:** Information Item:

#### **8. COMMITTEE UPDATES AND ACTIONS**

**Commission Action:** Information and Possible Action: Updates and recommended actions to be provided to the Commission from the following committees:

- Planning Committee -- (Chair, Howard Myers) Discussion to include additions to the Management Plan
- Desert Discovery Task Force -- (Chair, BJ Heggli)
- Scottsdale's General Plan -- (Commission Representative, Linda Whitehead)  
Items to include:
  - Transportation plans in the Dynamite Road area
  - General Policy for development densities near the Preserve
- Promotions Committee -- (Chair, Linda Whitehead) -- View LEED Video

**Motion by Commissioner Whitehead, second by Fred Klein that the MSPC recommend inclusion of the following working the Land Use Element of the General Plan Update: Support the General Plan Land Use category of Rural Neighborhoods, and the lowest possible residential density, in areas adjacent to the Preserve to provide appropriate transition and maintain wildlife corridors.**

**Motion passed unanimously with a vote of 9 – 0.**

#### **9. STRATEGIC PLAN FOR LAND ACQUISITION**

**Commission Action:** Discussion and Possible Action: Commissioners and Preserve Director to review, discuss, comment, and give possible recommendation for updated draft of the Plan for acquiring State Trust Lands.

## **10. PRESERVE REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS – Kroy Ekblaw and Bill Murphy**

**Commission Action:** Information and Discussion: Updates and actions regarding the Preserve to be provided to the Commission by:

- Preserve Land Policy and Acquisition – (Kroy Ekblaw)
  - Status of discussions with the State Land Department, State Trust Land Reform, and State Parks
  - Possible connecting trail to the Fountain Hills Preserve
  - CIP for 2010/2011 and 2011/2012
  - History Project Status
  - Financial Question Responses
- Preserve Operations – (Bill Murphy). Discussion to include:
  - Dust Control at Trailheads
  - Cataloging Plants in Preserve – future approach to university proposals
  - Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> for Commission steward training session with McDowell Sonoran Conservancy
  - Preserve Operations budget issues for 2010-2011
  - Tom's Thumb Trailhead Status
  - Response to questions regarding participant numbers at Challenge

## **11. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**Commission Action:** Information Items from Commissioners.

## **12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Commission Action:** Discussion and possible action: Develop tentative agenda for the May 2010 meeting.

### Tentative items for May 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting

- Naming Recognition
- Proposed Preserve Research Project?
- McDowell Sonoran Preserve Month Options
- Fountain Hills Trail Connections Options – Staff Review Update
- Strategic Plan for Land Acquisitions – Update

### Special Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting - Commissioners & Conservancy Steward Training

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Commission Action:** Motion to adjourn the meeting.

The Commission cannot discuss or vote on items not on the agenda, including items brought up as Commission or public comments. If action by the Commission is required, the item should be placed on the next meeting's agenda to be consistent with the Arizona Open Meetings Law.

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